

DISPUTE MAY BRING ON STRIKE

Pittsburg Yardmen Are In Dead Earnest In Demand for Raise.

VICE GRANDMASTER WILL NOT TALK

Say No More Than That Prospects for Settlement of Difficulty Are Not as Bright as Might Be—The Shippers Are Anxious.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 8.—The dispute between the local officials of the railroads centering in Pittsburg and their employees over the scale for yardmen has arrived at the critical stage, and unless a settlement is reached within a day or so fears are entertained of a general strike in the district.

Negotiations with the Baltimore and Ohio are already off, and much depends upon meetings arranged for to-day with G. L. Peck, general manager of the Pennsylvania lines, and R. A. Werthington, vice-president and general manager of the Wabash lines east of Toledo. If these two companies take a stand similar to that of the Baltimore and Ohio, all yardmen in the Pittsburg district will likely be called out on strike in accordance with the result of the vote on this question by the trainmen.

"Middle Scale."

The Pittsburg and Lake Erie officials are understood to have agreed to pay the "middle scale," but it is not believed the trainmen will accept the scale unless all other roads in this district agree to a similar proposition. The "middle scale" is one cent an hour less than the scale paid in the Chicago district, and is in effect at Cleveland, Youngstown and other Ohio points. If the Pennsylvania lines, the Wabash and the Baltimore and Ohio officials concede the "middle scale," it is said the trainmen will continue working. Otherwise a strike is threatened.

W. G. Lee, vice-grandmaster of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, who has charge of the situation in the Pittsburg district, declines to discuss the matter in detail further than to say the prospects for a settlement here are as bright as they might be. The trainmen, he said, had voted on the question and they agreed to demand the Chicago scale. The wages in the Chicago district, Mr. Lee said, are much lower than in other districts. We believe the trainmen should be paid higher wages.

The condition of traffic affairs in the Pittsburg district has reached a stage where shippers are more than anxious as to the outcome of the conference to-day. The freight traffic in this district was never heavier than at the present time and a strike of the yardmen would mean a complete stop of all freight trains.

UNDER TREATMENT.

Mrs. Jamieson Goes From Jail to Hospital.

Mrs. Marie Jamieson, who was tried in the Circuit Court during the early part of the week on several charges of forgery, and on whose guilt the jury could not agree, was allowed to leave jail yesterday in order that she might undergo medical treatment. It was believed by many of the jurors and spectators that the woman is insane, and the forgeries were committed when she was temporarily deranged.

Mrs. Jamieson went straight from the jail to the Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Thion Williams treated her. After taking one treatment she left the hospital and went to a boarding house, where she can be watched by the authorities who have her under surveillance. It is believed that Mrs. Jamieson's mental condition is caused by the excessive use of drugs, and the treatment will be designed to kill her desire in that direction.

FIGHT BATTLE OVER.

Charter Issued to Company to Reproduce Merrimac and Monitor.

All kinds of performances are to be given at the coming Jamestown Exposition next year and many plans for amusements are being conceived day after day.

One of the latest was revealed in a charter issued by the Corporation Commission yesterday to the "Merrimac and Monitor Corporation," which has for its object the reproduction during the exposition of the great naval battle of the Civil War between the vessels bearing those names.

The principal office of the corporation is to be in Norfolk and the officers are: C. A. Everhart, president; A. B. Donaldson, secretary; S. Beth Tyler, general counsel. All the officers are of Norfolk city, Beth Tyler being a son of former Governor J. Hugh Tyler, and a member of the firm of Sage, Main and Tyler.

The exact objects of the plan for the charter are: "Operating a plant for reproducing at the Jamestown Exposition a spectacular battle of the Merrimac and the Monitor."

Santa Claus Club.

The efforts of the Church Hill Santa Claus Club to carry Christmas cheer to the hearts and homes of the poor and afflicted are meeting with gratifying success. People are responsive to such appeals, and especially the Richmond people.

The Church Hill "Santa Claus Club" has for many years contributed to the joy of the Christmas season. The president and organizer of the club is Mrs. Julie Roberts Gray, No. 711 North Twenty-sixth Street.

Three-Fourths Crop.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., December 8.—Reports from fifty-two cotton gins operating this season in Rowan county, show that the yield of cotton this year is not more than 75 per cent of the average crop. The shortage is said to be due to the excessive rains prevailing during the hilling season. Although good prices prevail, only a small percentage of the crop has been marketed to this date.

To Elect Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will take place Tuesday night in the rooms of the Tri-County Protective Association, at Third and Main Streets. The druggists of the city will be present at the meeting.

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These are superior quality furs, made up only as the best experienced fur-workers make them up, and in popular and exclusive styles, designed for this winter's wear. This sale could not possibly have come in a more timely hour because so many thousands of people think furs such desirable and sure-to-be-appreciated gifts. Come and see the beauty of the furs. Satisfy yourself, and if you are familiar with the way other stores sell equal grades you will be better able to judge this sale as an economy event.

Large Assortment of Superb Scarfs, Fancy Neck Pieces and Muffs at Prices That Mean a Saving of One-Fourth.

Children's Sets	.....\$ 2.50 to \$10.00
Misses' Sets	.....4.50 to 20.00
Ladies' Fox Boas	.....5.00 to 20.00
Ladies' Fox Capes	.....12.50 to 25.00
Ladies' Fox Peltrines	.....15.00 to 47.50

Squirrel Sets.

Neck Piece and Muff	.....\$10.00
Neck Piece and Muff	.....12.50
Neck Piece and Muff	.....15.00
Neck Piece and Muff	.....20.00

Opossum and Water Mink

Neckpieces	.....\$5.00 to \$8.50
Muffs	.....5.00 to \$8.50

Jap Mink

Neckpieces	.....\$7.50 to \$20.00
Muffs	.....\$12.50 to \$20.00

Lynx Furs.

Black Lynx Sets	.....\$42.50 to \$55.00.
Blue Lynx Sets	.....\$32.50 to \$50.00.
Gray Lynx Sets	.....\$25.00 to \$37.50.

Sable Squirrel

Neckpieces	.....\$5.00 to \$18.50
Muffs	.....\$7.50 to \$12.50

Natural Mink

Neckpieces	.....\$20.00 to \$100.00
Muffs	.....\$22.50 to \$50.00

Lace and Net Waists for Xmas

Or For Any Other Time. 100, in ten styles, former prices \$6.50 and \$10.00, now \$4.50 and \$7.50.

Bath Robes

Reduced for Xmas. In Blue, Gray and Red Blankets; something like 75 of these; former prices \$6.00 to \$12.50; divided into two lots of \$2.50 and \$3.50 each.

Women's Coats.

A Most Unusual Offering.

Three Hundred Coats Go on Sale To-Morrow.

Black Broadcloth Coats, yoke lined—half lined or full lined—in a good satin—	
Formerly \$18.50, now \$13.50	
Formerly \$15.00, now \$10.00	
Formerly \$12.50, now \$8.50	
All sizes.	

Silk Petticoats

In all shades; wonderful values; all-silk dust ruffle—\$5.00 to \$15.00.

Ladies' Suits.

40 Suits, only one or two of a style; former prices \$15.00 to \$25.00; to go on sale Monday at \$10.00.

Boys' Suits and Winter Overcoats for Xmas.

What's your boy's age? Here are bargains for you and a treat for him, if he's between 8 and 16 years of age, at \$2.25, \$2.95 and \$3.95—are worth every penny of \$3.50, \$6.00 and \$7.50.

You can see from their workmanship that care and thought were exercised in their making—neatly sewed, stylish and made of good quality material.

BUSTER BROWN SUITS, 2 1-2 to 7 years, were \$5 and \$6, now \$3.95.

SAILOR BLOUSE SUITS, in navy, serge and chevrons, Scotch mixtures, ages 3 to 10 years, were \$5.00 and \$6.00—\$3.95, \$7.00 and \$7.50 kind \$4.75.

DOUBLE-BREADED TWO-PIECE SUITS, were \$3.00 and \$3.50, now \$2.25—\$4.50 and \$4.00 kind, now \$2.95.

Also similar reductions on Knickerbocker Suits.

Boys' and Girls' Reefers, \$6.50 and \$7.00 kind, \$4.75.

Boys' and Girls' Red Reefers, \$5.00 kind, \$3.95.

Boys' Cheviots and Tan Coverts, \$7.00 kind, \$3.95.

Boys' Kersey, mixtures, etc., \$5.00 kind, \$4.75.

COLORED WOMAN'S HEAD BATTERED TO A PULP

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., December 8.—Sophie Taper, an aged and respected colored woman of Stephens City, Frederick county, was found in her home last night with her head battered to a pulp and her skull fractured. Barely alive, the woman

was unconscious, and the physicians say she cannot recover. The finding of a bloody ax in an adjoining room revealed the weapon with which the crime was committed.

Following an investigation to-day, John Curry, a respectable colored man, residing in Winchester, was taken into custody on suspicion, and later lodged in jail, without bail, pending a further hearing next Saturday.

Curry is known to have visited the home of the aged woman, who is his aunt, yesterday evening. The motive for the crime is a mystery, for a sum of money the old woman had for a time of money the old woman had secreted in her house was found intact. Aunt Sophie, the victim of the assault, is one of those good, old-timed Southern mammas, who are fast dying out.

CHARGES HEF OFFER DIAMONDS

Mrs. Helen Dwellie Alleges That Adolph J. Davis Stole Necklace.

HE WAS TO SELL IT, SHE SAYS

But, Taking the Diamonds Away, He Did Not Return With Either Them or Money.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Helen Dwellie, of Memphis, Tenn., who is stopping at the Hotel Gotham, appeared in the Jefferson Market court as a complainant against Adolph J. Davis, who is in the mining business, charging him with the larceny of a diamond necklace valued at \$11.00. Mrs. Dwellie and Davis acknowledged in court to have been engaged to marry up to Thursday afternoon, when Davis broke the engagement.

According to the story told by both to Magistrate Mayo, Mrs. Dwellie gave the diamond necklace to Davis about noon on Thursday. He was to sell it to a man living at the Waldorf Astoria, or, if he failed, to return it to Mrs. Dwellie. Davis appeared at the Hotel Gotham several hours after he had agreed to come. He brought neither necklace nor the money. He then told her, she said, that she had deceived him inasmuch as she had not been divorced from her former husband, and that he would not return the necklace to her until she had given him the \$5.00 which he had advanced to her.

Mrs. Dwellie, through her lawyer, Daniel W. Blumenthal, admitted receiving the money. Davis claimed to have given her, but explained that it was for her wedding trousseau. Davis said that the diamond necklace was deposited in a safe place, and that if the other side would give him back his \$5.00 he would give up the necklace.

Magistrate Mayo adjourned the case until Sunday morning, pending Davis in his counsel's custody.

Mrs. Dwellie denied, through her counsel, that there had been any irregularity in her divorce.

REMEDY WORSE THAN DISEASE

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build the line, so far as the poles and the wires are concerned, and each and every car would have to be readjusted to the new system. In addition to all this the danger from falling wires is greatly increased by the double-wire system. The city electrician remarked, in discussing the matter, that the Cincinnati system was the laughingstock of electrical experts throughout the country. Such of the officials of the railway itself, as were questioned, did not hesitate to say that if they could, within reasonable cost, convert their line into a single-trolley line, they would not hesitate to do so.

When asked if, as an original proposition, they would build a double trolley wire system in Cincinnati, they said "no," and when asked if they would advise Richmond to change her system from the single wire to the double wire system, they said "no," with emphasis, and added that such a proposition seemed to them to be too absurd to be seriously considered.

Why the System Was Adopted.

It is interesting to know how it came to pass that Cincinnati has the double wire system, for the city itself had nothing to do with it. The first electric line in Cincinnati was operated by a company which also owned and operated the telephone system. The telephone was suffering much from induction, and as at that time the telephone business was far more extensive and more important to the company than its electric railway, the company decided to install the double overhead wire and the double trolley, as a means of removing the telephone troubles. But the officers of the company wish that some other remedy had been found. Once adopted, however, it had to be continued as the lines were extended.

These are the facts, as they were gathered from city officials and from officers of the railway company, and the Richmond public may draw its own conclusions.

W. S. C.

SIX MEN WERE IN TRAIN ROBBERY

Five Under Arrest for Holding Up Cotton Belt Train and Maltreating Messenger.

PALESTINE, TEX., Dec. 8.—It is learned from reliable sources that six men composed the band who robbed the Pacific Express car and murderously assaulted Messenger Grissett and threw him from the rapidly moving train at Eylan siding, near Redwater, last Saturday night, when north-bound Cotton Belt train No. 4 was held up.

Of these, five are under arrest. Two were taken into custody at Camden on the arrival of the train, who is positively stated by men in a position to know, were identified by Messenger Grissett, when taken before him at the hospital Tuesday evening. Two other men, one said to be a prominent citizen of Texarkana, were arrested at Texarkana on Wednesday, and the fifth arrest is that of the train newsboy, who was captured at Waco Thursday. All of the men, it is asserted, were identified by the injured messenger. Owing to the secrecy maintained by the Pacific Express officials, it is impossible to learn the names of the men now under arrest. Notwithstanding the assertions of the officials of the express company, the effect that not more than \$2,000 was secured, it has been learned from undeniable sources that the amount was close to \$10,000.

FISH VISIT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Stuyvesant Fish, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, called on the President at the White House to-day, and later visited the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission and talked with the commissioners. It was stated that his visit had nothing to do with the proposed investigation of the roads of the Harborman system. Mr. Fish said he was not aware that he had any knowledge that would be of value to the commission in its proposed investigation, but if they felt disposed to call on him, he would gladly respond.



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CLEVELAND ILL WITH INDIGESTION

Under Constant Care of Doctor for More Than Week.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Cleveland is ill at his home, "Westland," of acute indigestion. Cleveland has been ill more than a week and still remains unimproved, and every precaution is being taken by his family physician, Dr. J. M. Carnochan, and by Mrs. Cleveland. Dr. Carnochan said to a reporter to-day that Mr. Cleveland was not in a very serious condition, but was in pain. Asked if Mr. Cleveland was suffering from nothing except indigestion, he replied: "I have no knowledge of anything else."

He also said Mr. Cleveland had been ill for some time, and only by the most extraordinary effort had he seen Mr. Carnegie, who called Wednesday.

"We expect Mr. Cleveland out in a few days," continued Dr. Carnochan, "but I can't tell exactly when."

JUNIOR HOWITZERS.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

A meeting of the Junior Howitzers held yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock in the Seventh Street Armory was attended by a large majority of the enrolled company, and a number of recruits were enlisted. The boys show a great deal of enthusiasm over the proposition and are going into it with a vim.

No trial was gone through last night on account of the absence of an instructor, but a talk was made to the privates by the officers of the company, and they were told exactly what was expected of them. The company will be drilled for the first time next Saturday afternoon in the armory drill hall.

Virginia Postmasters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—Postmasters appointed: Virginia—Mountain Grove, Bath county; Mary O'Farrell, vice John O'Farrell, resigned; Nestling, Middlesex county; Leonard M. Carleton, vice A. P. Stringer, resigned.

North Carolina—Cobb, Cherokee county; Larkin Lewis, vice V. C. Chapman, resigned.

Rural carriers appointed: Virginia—Strasburg, route 1, W. C. Wilkins, carrier, reinstated; no substitute.

North Carolina—Waxhaw, route 5, Jacob E. Garrison, carrier, Heath Yarbrough substituted.

Virginia—Rural routes have been ordered established as follows: February 1st, Franklin, Southampton county, route 2; population 675, families 135; February 15th, Newport, Giles county, route 2; population 435, families 82.

Paulett-Crutchter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ELBERTA MILLER, VA., December 8.—Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock a beautiful home wedding was solemnized, when Miss Rula Marie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emmett Crutchter, was wedded to Mr. Samuel Tucker Paulett. A large assemblage of friends and relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the interesting event. The parlors were tastefully decorated in green and white. The wedding march was played by Mrs.

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